

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, and reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application, as amended, and in light of the remarks which follow, are both respectfully respected.

Claims 4-7 were pending in the present application at the time of the Office Action. The Patent Office rejected claims 4, 5 and 7, while objecting to claim 6. The Patent Office stated that claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claim 4 has been amended to include each feature of claim 6, and claim 6 has been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 4 is patentable over the cited art and other art of record. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 4 is in condition for allowance, as well as claims 5 and 7 which depend from claim 4. Applicant has also submitted new claim 8 herewith. Support for newly added claim 8 can be found, at the very least, at page 3, lines 3-14 of the subject application. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 8 is patentable over the cited art and other art of record.

Applicant has also submitted an Information Disclosure Statement with this response. The Information Disclosure Statement refers to information newly discovered by Applicant since the issuance of the Final Office Action in this application.

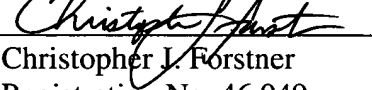
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that prosecution might be advanced by discussing the application with Applicant's counsel, in person or over the telephone, we would welcome the opportunity to do so.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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